From Ray Jagge To Surface Transportation Board Section of Environmental Analysis

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I have been in business for many years in Medina County and San Antonio, Texas. My family has lived in Medina County, and I am proud to call it home. We have fine people here, and we add more people all the time. However, we desperately need to expand our tax base.

I'm writing to encourage you to move forward with allowing Vulcan Materials to build a rail line from their quarry to Highway 90. Much of our county was settled along rail lines, providing transportation for people and materials. For many years the railroad was what made our county a viable place to live and do business. Another rail linesuch as the one Vulcan will build-will help our county's economic growth.

Most people in our county do not mind this rail line. Business people and civic leaders are 100% for it. When I first heard of this project years ago, I was immediately convinced of its benefits. I still am. The people who have raised their voices to protest this rail line, are a vocal minority. They do not represent the rest of the county or even their neighbors. I have heard their concerns about the environment and can refute every one of them. The fact is that this rail line will be good for Medina County, and it will decrease the pollution involved in the quarry operation.

Please move forward for the good of my county.

cc:

U.S. Senator John Cornyn

U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

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